

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL LAWRENCE G. WASDEN

September 14, 2006

VIA FACSIMILE **☎**(801) 624-1587

J. Phillip Adams, President and CEO Flying J Inc. 1104 Country Hills Dr Ogden, UT 84403

Re: Flying J Rack Prices in Idaho

Dear Mr. Adams:

I write on behalf of Idaho's consumers and businesses concerning the extraordinarily high prices your company is currently charging for its products in Idaho. My office is receiving numerous complaints regarding the prices being charged for gasoline throughout our state.

Comparing Idaho with other states in our region, I cannot find any reasonable explanation for the price disparity in Idaho. For example, on August 10 and September 7, 2006, Flying J's rack prices for regular unleaded gasoline were as follows:

City/State	August 10	September 7	% Change
Boise, ID	\$ 2.46	\$ 2.31	(6.10)%
Salt Lake City, UT	2.39	2.26	(5.44)%
Bakersfield, CA	2.45	1.99	(18.78)%
(Big West Oil Co.)			. ,

Idaho's elected officials, consumers, and businesses, are extremely concerned about the high rack prices. Earlier this week, one of our state legislators publicly suggested that gas price regulation may be necessary. It is in everyone's best interest, including Flying J's, to sell gasoline in Idaho at a price that does not damage Idaho's economy, nor put Idaho businesses and consumers at a competitive disadvantage.

Given the great importance of the pricing problem to Idaho, I would urge your immediate review of the situation. I would appreciate an explanation regarding the pricing

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disparity, and what Flying J can do to address the concerns expressed above. I look forward to hearing from you by or before September 30.

Sincerely,

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September 14, 2006

VIA FACSIMILE ☎(713) 277-7856

John D. Hofmeister, Country Chairman Shell Oil Products US 1100 Louisiana St Houston, TX 77210

Re: Shell Rack Prices in Idaho

Dear Mr. Hofmeister:

I write on behalf of Idaho's consumers and businesses concerning the extraordinarily high prices your company is currently charging for its products in Idaho. My office is receiving numerous complaints regarding the prices being charged for gasoline throughout our state.

Comparing Idaho with other states in our region, I cannot find any reasonable explanation for the price disparity in Idaho. For example, on August 10 and September 7, 2006, Shell's rack prices for regular unleaded gasoline were as follows:

City/State	August 10	September 7	% Change
Boise, ID	\$ 2.45	\$ 2.39	(2.45)%
Denver, CO	2.46	2.03	(17.48)%
Eugene, OR	2.40	2.21	(7.92)%
Seattle, WA	2.42	2.22	(8.26)%

Shell's high Idaho rack prices are not limited to Boise. We have noted similar high prices in Pocatello and Burley.

Idaho's elected officials, consumers, and businesses, are extremely concerned about the high rack prices. Earlier this week, one of our state legislators publicly suggested that gas price regulation may be necessary. It is in everyone's best interest, including Shell's, to sell gasoline in Idaho at a price that does not damage Idaho's economy, nor put Idaho businesses and consumers at a competitive disadvantage.

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Given the great importance of the pricing problem to Idaho, I would urge your immediate review of the situation. I would appreciate an explanation regarding the pricing disparity, and what Shell can do to address the concerns expressed above. I look forward to hearing from you by or before September 30.

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VIA FACSIMILE (801) 524-2880

R. Earl Holding, President and CEO Sinclair Oil Corporation 550 E South Temple Salt Lake City, UT 84102

Re: Sinclair Rack Prices in Idaho

Dear Mr. Holding:

I write on behalf of Idaho's consumers and businesses concerning the extraordinarily high prices your company is currently charging for its products in Idaho. My office is receiving numerous complaints regarding the prices being charged for gasoline throughout our state.

Comparing Idaho with other states in our region, I cannot find any reasonable explanation for the price disparity in Idaho. For example, on August 10 and September 7, 2006, Sinclair's rack prices for regular unleaded gasoline were as follows:

City/State	August 10	September 7	% Change
Boise, ID	\$ 2.46	\$ 2.36	(4.07)%
Denver, CO	2.51	2.06	(17.93)%
Billings, MT	2.55	2.18	(14.51)%
Casper, WY	2.61	2.27	(13.03)%

Sinclair's high Idaho rack prices are not limited to Boise. We have noted similar high prices in Pocatello and Burley.

Idaho's elected officials, consumers, and businesses, are extremely concerned about the high rack prices. Earlier this week, one of our state legislators publicly suggested that gas price regulation may be necessary. It is in everyone's best interest, including Sinclair's, to sell gasoline in Idaho at a price that does not damage Idaho's economy, nor put Idaho businesses and consumers at a competitive disadvantage.

Given the great importance of the pricing problem to Idaho, I would urge your immediate review of the situation. I would appreciate an explanation regarding the pricing disparity, and what Sinclair can do to address the concerns expressed above. I look forward to hearing from you by or before September 30.

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VIA FACSIMILE **☎**(210) 828-8600

Bruce A. Smith, Chairman, President and CEO Tesoro Corp.
300 Concord Plaza Dr
San Antonio, TX 78216-6999

Re: Tesoro Rack Prices in Idaho

Dear Mr. Smith:

I write on behalf of Idaho's consumers and businesses concerning the extraordinarily high prices your company is currently charging for its products in Idaho. My office is receiving numerous complaints regarding the prices being charged for gasoline throughout our state.

Comparing Idaho with other states in our region, I cannot find any reasonable explanation for the price disparity in Idaho. For example, on August 10 and September 7, 2006, Tesoro's rack prices for regular unleaded gasoline were as follows:

City/State	August 10	September 7	% Change
Boise, ID	\$ 2.46	\$ 2.37	(3.66)%
Los Angeles, CA	2.39	1.87	(21.76)%
Eugene, OR	2.46	2.18	(11.38)%
Seattle, WA	2.43	2.22	(8.64)%

We also understand Pasco, WA, receives its gasoline from the same pipeline as Boise, yet the Pasco rack price is currently \$2.25. Tesoro's high Idaho rack prices are not limited to Boise. We have noted similar high prices in Pocatello and Burley.

Idaho's elected officials, consumers, and businesses, are extremely concerned about the high rack prices. Earlier this week, one of our state legislators publicly suggested that gas price regulation may be necessary. It is in everyone's best interest, including Tesoro's, to sell gasoline in Idaho at a price that does not damage Idaho's economy, nor put Idaho businesses and consumers at a competitive disadvantage.

Given the great importance of the pricing problem to Idaho, I would urge your immediate review of the situation. I would appreciate an explanation regarding the pricing disparity, and what Tesoro can do to address the concerns expressed above. I look forward to hearing from you by or before September 30.

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VIA FACSIMILE ☎(925) 842-2046

David J. O'Reilly, Chairman and CEO Chevron USA Inc. 6001 Bollinger Canyon Rd San Ramon, CA 94583

Re: Chevron Rack Prices in Idaho

Dear Mr. O'Reilly:

I write on behalf of Idaho's consumers and businesses concerning the extraordinarily high prices your company is currently charging for its products in Idaho. My office is receiving numerous complaints regarding the prices being charged for gasoline throughout our state.

Comparing Idaho with other states in our region, I cannot find any reasonable explanation for the price disparity in Idaho. For example, on August 10 and September 7, 2006, Chevron's rack prices for regular unleaded gasoline were as follows:

City/State	August 10	September 7	% Change
Boise, ID	\$ 2.48	\$ 2.37	(4.44)%
Phoenix, AZ	2.46	2.10	(14.63)%
Eugene, OR	2.42	2.18	(9.92)%
Seattle, WA	2.42	2.22	(8.26)%

We also understand Pasco, WA, receives its gasoline from the same pipeline as Boise, yet the Pasco rack price is currently \$2.25. Chevron's high Idaho rack prices are not limited to Boise. We have noted similar high prices in Pocatello and Burley.

Idaho's elected officials, consumers, and businesses, are extremely concerned about the high rack prices. Earlier this week, one of our state legislators publicly suggested that gas price regulation may be necessary. It is in everyone's best interest, including Chevron's, to sell gasoline in Idaho at a price that does not damage Idaho's economy, nor put Idaho businesses and consumers at a competitive disadvantage.

Given the great importance of the pricing problem to Idaho, I would urge your immediate review of the situation. I would appreciate an explanation regarding the pricing disparity, and what Chevron can do to address the concerns expressed above. I look forward to hearing from you by or before September 30.

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